

Early Childhood Finance and Policy Division

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair of the Early Childhood Finance and Policy Division, called the virtual meeting to order at 8:30 AM on March 29, 2022 pursuant to House Rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

PINTO, Dave, Chair
PRYOR, Laurie, Vice Chair
FRANSON, Mary, Minority Lead
BENNETT, Peggy
BOLDON, Liz
DANIELS, Brian
DAVNIE, Jim
DEMUTH, Lisa
JURGENS, Tony
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
MORRISON, Kelly
WAZLAWIK, Ami
WOLGAMOTT, Dan

A quorum was present.

Vice-Chair Pryor moved the minutes of the committee meeting on March 24, 2022 be adopted.
THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4120; (Lippert); Farm-to-school grant funding increased, child care providers who purchase from local farmers reimbursement authorized, and money appropriated.

Chair Pinto moved HF4120 be rereferred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy.

The following testified on HF4120:

Jami Rokala, MS, CCNP, CFPM, CLC, Child Nutrition Services Manager, Tri-Valley Head Start

Vice Chair Pryor renewed the motion to rerefer HF4120 to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy.

The clerk took the roll.

AYES

PINTO, Dave, Chair
PRYOR, Laurie, Vice Chair
FRANSON, Mary, Minority Lead
BOLDON, Liz
DAVNIE, Jim
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NAYS

BENNETT, Peggy
DANIELS, Brian

With a vote of 10 AYES, 2 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4555 (Her); St. Paul; early childhood grant support savings account funding provided, and money appropriated

Chair Pinto moved HF4555 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill.

The following testified on HF4555:

Muneer Karcher-Ramos, Director, Office of Financial Empowerment, City of Saint Paul

Chair Pinto laid HF4555 over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill.

HF 4593 (Demuth); Ombudsperson for family child care provider federal money requirement and allocation modified.

Chair Pinto moved HF4593 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill.

The following testified on HF4593:

Cyndi Cunningham, Family Child Care Provider, Public Policy Chairperson, MN Child Care Provider Information Network (MCCPIN)

Jennifer Sommerfeld, Director of Legislative and External Affairs for Children and Family Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Chair Pinto laid HF4593 over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill.

Vice Chair Pryor assumed the gavel at 9:18 AM.

HF4497 (Pinto); Child care and early learning program information technology and data practices report required, and money appropriated.

Chair Pinto moved HF4497 be referred to the Committee on State Government Finance & Elections.

Chair Pinto moved Amendment H44497A1. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Pinto renewed the motion to refer HF4497, as amended, to the Committee on State Government Finance & Elections.

The clerk took the roll.

AYES

PINTO, Dave, Chair

PRYOR, Laurie, Vice Chair

BOLDON, Liz

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NAYS

BENNETT, Peggy

DANIELS, Brian

DEMUTH, Lisa

FRANSON, Mary, Minority Lead

With a vote of 10 AYES, 2 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Pinto reassumed the gavel at 9:27 AM.

HF4419 (Pryor); Child care provider grant eligibility requirements modified, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Pryor moved HF4419 to be laid over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill.

Vice Chair Pryor moved Amendment H4419DE2. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

The following testified on HF4419, as amended:

Jim Nicholie, Member, Elders for Infants

Cyndi Cunningham, Family Child Care Provider, Public Policy Chairperson, MN Child Care Provider Information Network (MCCPIN)

Chair Pinto laid HF4419, as amended, over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill.

HF4418 (Pryor); Cost estimation model development required for early care and learning programs and a child care provider wage scale, reports required, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Pryor moved HF4418 to be laid over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill.

Vice Chair Pryor moved Amendment H4418A1. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Pinto laid HF4418, as amended, over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM.

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

Hans Dosland, Committee Legislative Assistant